Educational Opportunities

The CAC for DEI has curated a collection of scholarships and summer programs that focuses on expanding opportunities for underrepresented students in higher education, STEM fields, and enrichment activities. Whether you're seeking full college scholarships, immersive summer camps, or specialized programs in technology, science, or the arts, you'll find resources below to build your educational journey.

I. College Scholarships

The collection of scholarships below support diverse students to attend universities.

QuestBridge National College Match

- A leading national scholarship program for students whose families are eligible for the discounted lunch program
- Application begins junior year of high school
- Full four-year scholarships to partner colleges
- Visit QuestBridge website

Penn State Millennium Scholars Program

- Premier diversity scholarship program for STEM students
- Applications open early senior year
- Learn more about Millennium Scholars

Messiah University Multicultural Scholarship Program

- Full and partial scholarships available
- Promotes racial and ethnic diversity and focuses on reconciliation in our communities
- View scholarship details

II. Summer Camps

A range of other financial support programs are available for summer camp programs for underrepresented students.

Carnegie Mellon University Computer Science Pathways Program

 Free residential program for high school students to promote diversity in Computer Science including a special emphasis on women in Computer Science

- Application deadline: March 1
- Apply to CS Pathways

Carnegie Mellon University Summer Academy for Math and Sciences

- Free residential program to promote opportunities for underrepresented populations in STEM fields.
- Application deadline: February 1
- Apply to SAMS

Carnegie Mellon University Al Scholars Program

- Free residential summer program to promote opportunities for underrepresented populations in the field of AI.
- Application deadline: March 1
- Apply to Al Scholars

Point Park Urban Accounting Program

- Free residential summer program for minority students interested in Finance/Accounting.
- Applications open in January
- Learn about the program

Penn State University Women in STEM Camp

- Penn State Camp for girls who want to pursue a career into STEM
- Visit program website

Inspiring Girls Expeditions

- Free outdoor adventure camps in Canada, Alaska, Pacific Northwest for women who want to pursue a career in STEM
- Apply to expeditions

Keystone Girls State

- Non-partisan Pennsylvania-based Government and Civics Leadership program designed to teach the importance of responsible citizenship and to empower young women to make a change in their community.
- Program details

III. Additional Resources

We also encourage students to consult the following resources for education.

Raising Black Scholars Summer Program Directory

- Comprehensive list of programs for underrepresented students
- Browse all programs

African American Children's Book Project

- Annual book fair in Philadelphia that showcases the work of African American writers
- Event information